

Appl. No. 10/716,692  
Amdt. Dated January 9, 2006  
Reply to Office action of December 1, 2005

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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Appl. No. : 10/716,692  
Applicant : Marc Arques, et al.  
Filed : November 19, 2003  
Title : PARTICLE DETECTOR AND A COUNTING DEVICE  
COMPRISING A NUMBER OF PARTICLE DETECTORS

Conf. No. : 6563  
TC/A.U. : 2884  
Examiner : Christine Sung

Docket No. : 36277

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

**AMENDMENT "A"**

Sir:

This amendment is filed in response to the Office action dated December 1, 2005. The shortened two-month period for responding to the Office action expires on February 1, 2006.

Please amend the above-identified application in the following manner.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 5 of this paper.

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Mail Stop Amendment, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 on the date indicated below.

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